

## NCC Minutes 1/22/07

Open meeting: 7:07 p.m.

Present: A. Watts, L. Hill, R. Konisky, R. LaBranche, D. Mason, Alt. S. Shope

### 1) Ongoing Administrative Business:

- a. Treasurer's report: read by D. Mason who also included a graph of funds available each year since 1994. A. Watts states will have about another \$10,000 in bills for Prime Wetlands but this should be offset by grant money. L. Hill motions to accept, R. Konisky seconds, all in favor YES.
- b. Minutes 12/18/06: A. Watts motions to accept with corrections, R. LaBranche seconds, all in favor YES.

### 2) B. Byrne's resignation- A. Watts will call her to clarify her reasons. Term is up in March.

### 3) Current Use Funds- Selectman proposing Warrant Article to use current use funds towards paying interest on the bonds (i.e. Open Space, Greenway) instead of contributing the to the Conservation Comm. fund.

- A. Watts proposed that the monies go into a trust that could be used depending on the need but the Selectman turned this idea down.
- R. Konisky objects to the proposal as it may be an incentive to develop more land as money will go to town coffers.
- At this time, about 22% of land in town is now conserved.
- S. Shope feels the monies need to go directly towards the bonds. All agree this should be specified in the Warrant Article.
- The proposal will be in affect for about the next 20 years.
- Cons. Comm. will have about \$100,000 left in accounts to work with. Town will need to pay subsequent legal fees, etc. if this goes through.
- As long as the above specifications are met, the commission will not oppose the article.

### 4) Carbon Coalition Warrant Article- Purpose is to support reducing carbon emissions but L. Carroll has the copy and is not present, so will hold until next meeting.

### 5) Prime Wetlands-

- A. Watts spoke with Cartographic Assoc. and signed the contract for them to start digitizing.
- R. Konisky notes that D.E.S. does not recommend designating tidal wetland as there are already multiple protections in place. Also notes that there is a 10 cent/sq. ft. impact fee even for restoring wetlands, so need to keep that in mind.

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6) Bills- Bill submitted by Fran Lane but we don't have it here so will need to wait until next meeting.

7) Other Business-

a) S. Shope saw someone riding a motorcycle in the town forest. We need to look into and possibly expand what the regulations are.

b) Management Commission for the Greenway and Cole prop.- S. Shope and M. Price representatives from town as advisors but do not feel there input is being given much weight. Sel. J. McElroy concerned they are considering forestry but not allowed by terms of the agreement. Hunting would be allowed but still no decision re: allowing snowmobiles.

8) Next meeting: Feb. 19, 2007

Adjourn 8:02 p.m.

NCC member L. Hill 1/22/07

